

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method for producing multi-segment filters in the tobacco-processing industry, wherein filter segments are delivered to a group of filter segments, characterized in that a medium is introduced into the filter segments before they are delivered to the group of filter segments.
2. (Original) The method as defined in the preamble to claim 1, characterized in that a medium is introduced into filter rods and that in a subsequent step, the filter rods are cut into filter segments.
3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the medium (3) is introduced into the filter rods or filter segments during the transport, in particular while positioned on a conveying drum or operating drum.
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the filter rods or filter segments are held in place before the medium is introduced.
5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one or several of the claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that a predetermined amount of the medium is introduced.
6. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one or several of the claims 1 to 5~~

claim 1, characterized in that the medium is introduced by injecting it with an element, preferably a spray needle, into the filter segment or the filter rods.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one or several of the claims 1 to 5~~
claim 1, characterized in that the medium is introduced by means of an element, preferably a spray nozzle, from the outside into the filter segment or the filter rods.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one or several of the claims 1 to 7~~
claim 1, characterized in that the medium is introduced parallel to the longitudinal axial direction of the filter segments or the filter rods.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one or several of the claims 1 to 8~~
claim 1, characterized in that the medium is introduced into at least one hollow space, preferably in a multifilter segment or a multifilter rod.

10. (Original) A module for a multi-segment filter maker in the tobacco-processing industry, wherein filter segments can be delivered to a group of filter segments, characterized in that a device is provided for introducing a medium into the filter segments.

11. (Original) The module as defined in the preamble to claim 10, characterized in that it comprises a device for introducing a medium into filter rods, as well as a cutting device for cutting the filter rods into filter segments.

12. (Currently Amended) The module according to claim 10 ~~or 11~~, characterized in that the

device forms a part of a conveying means, in particular a conveying drum or an operating drum.

13. (Currently Amended) The module according to ~~one of the claims 10 to 12~~ claim 10, characterized in that it comprises a holding element for holding the filter rods or the filter segments.

14. (Currently Amended) The module according to ~~one or several of the claims 10 to 13~~ claim 10, characterized in that the device is provided with an injection element, preferably a spray nozzle or a spray needle.

15. (Original) The module according to claim 14, characterized in that the injection element can be subjected to pressure, preferably by means of a compressed-air source or a piston.

16. (Currently Amended) The module according to ~~one or several of the claims 10 to 15~~ claim 10, characterized in that a metering device is provided for the medium.

17. (Currently Amended) A multi-segment filter maker in the tobacco-processing industry, comprising a device as defined in ~~one or several of the claims 10 to 16~~ claim 10.